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Title: METADATA PRODUCTION DEVICE, METADATA PRODUCTION
METHOD AND SEARCH DEVICE

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a Japanese Office Action, mailed December 13, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

JP 2002-108892 corresponds to US 2002/040360

Please note that the Japanese publication JP 09-130736 was submitted on December 22, 2004 with an English abstract. Submitted herewith is a full English translation of JP 09-130736.

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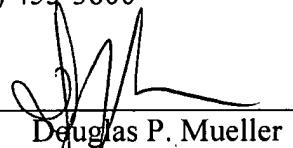
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	JP 2002-108892	04/2002	Japan			Abstract/ See IDS
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